

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-12, 17, 19, and 23-29 are currently pending in the application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's voicemail of September 26, 2006, and the Examiner's time in conducting a telephone conference on October 2, 2006. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 24 in accordance with the telephone conference. Applicants understand that the amended claims have been deemed allowable, therefore Applicants respectfully request forwarding of the application on to issuance.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, Applicants request that the undersigned again be contacted for scheduling a telephone interview.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,  
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